

Activity:	State Conservation Grants
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Activity Summary

Program Component	FY 2005 Enacted	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007			Change From 2006 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs & Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
State Conservation Grants	89,736	27,995	0	-27,995	0	-27,995
Total Requirements	89,736	27,995	0	-27,995	0	-27,995
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Summary of FY 2007 Programmatic Changes for State Conservation Grants

Request Component	Amount	FTE	Page #
Programmatic Changes			
• Eliminate State Conservation Grants	-27,995	0	LASA-30
TOTAL, Program Changes	-27,995	0	
• Fixed Costs and Related Changes	0	0	LASA-3
NET CHANGE	-27,995	0	

Mission Overview

Americans have always sought to create and protect special places that inspire and enrich our health and spirit, from early colonial public commons and parks to today's popular greenways for walking and bicycling. Over the past forty years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the most tangible and successful national demonstration of these fundamental American values: caring for our shared resources and providing recreation opportunities for physical activity and spiritual renewal. This program directly supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to a fundamental goal for the National Park Service: "Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs." This goal directly supports the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan goals to "Protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources," and to "Provide recreation opportunities for America."

Justification of 2007 Program Changes

The 2007 budget request for the State Conservation Grants program is \$0, a program change of -\$27.995 million from the 2006 enacted level.

Eliminate State Conservation Grants: -\$27.995 million

The NPS is proposing to eliminate the State Conservation Grants program for FY 2007. This reduction will allow the Park Service to focus on park activities that most comport with core agency missions. The State Conservation Grants Administration will still manage active projects, obligate and pay out unexpended grant money from previous year budgets in FY 2007, close out completed projects, and ensure both accountability and performance under existing grants which includes ensuring the continued availability of almost 40,000 distinct park sites for public outdoor recreation use and enjoyment.

Program Performance Change Table

<u>Total Performance Change</u>		-6,900 acres conserved -150 state grants awarded			
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D= B+C</u>	<u>E</u>
Overall Performance Changes from 2006 to 2007					
Measure	2006 Enacted Performance	2007 Base Performance Level	2007 Impact of Program Change on Performance	2007 Budget Request Performance	Out-year Impact of 2007 Program Change on Performance
Partnership acres preserved for recreations (SP, BUR IIIb1C)	9,600	9,600	- 6,900	2,700	- 2,700 Impacts will be fulling seen in FY 2008
Grants awarded to states	300	300	- 150	150	- 150
Column B: The performance level you expect to achieve absent the program change (i.e., at the 2006 enacted level plus/minus funded fixed cost/related changes); this would reflect, for example, the impact of prior year funding changes, management efficiencies, absorption of fixed costs, and trend impacts.					
Column E: The out-year impact is the change in performance level expected in 2008 and Beyond of ONLY the requested program budget change; it does <u>not</u> include the impact of receiving these funds again in a subsequent outyear.					

Program Overview

The State Conservation Grants activity provides matching grants to States and local units of government for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that provide public access to lands, waters, and other recreation resources. The grants provide incentives for continuing State planning efforts to address outdoor recreation needs and for greater commitments from State governments to conserve and improve recreation resources.

FY 2007 Program Performance Estimates

In FY 2007, the State Conservation Grants program plans to:

- Award 150 new grants (from unobligated prior year funds).
- Acquire and protect 2,700 acres in perpetuity.

FY 2006 Planned Program Performance

In FY 2006, the State Conservation Grants Program plans to:

- Award 300 new grants.
- Acquire and protect 9,600 acres in perpetuity.

FY 2005 Program Performance Accomplishments

In FY 2005, the state Conservation Grants Program:

- Awarded 592 new grants.
- Acquired and protected 19,300 acres in perpetuity.
- Created 115 new park and recreation areas.
- Acquired, developed and protected 596 new and existing recreation resources and open space sites in perpetuity.
- Of projects completed, 24 of 592 exceeded the 50 percent State match and leveraged an additional \$24 million.

Performance Overview

NOTE: This table does not include any proposed goal and measure changed resulting from the DOI Strategic Plan update now underway. See Performance Summary Tab for details.

Measure	2005 Plan	2005 Actual	Change from 2005 Plan	2006 Enacted	2006 Change from 2005	2007 Request	2007 Change from 2006
Partnership acres conserved (SP, BUR IIIb1C)	16,000	19,300	+ 3,300	9,600	- 9,700	2,700	- 6,900